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1. IN COURSE CALL ON OTHER BUSINESS AUG 23 DEFENSE UNDERSECY LUND QUESTIONED CHARGE REGARDING LACK OF PRIOR EVIDENCES OF WARSAW PACT TROOP MOVEMENTS INTO CZECHOSLOVAKIA AUG 20. HIS COMMENTS ON STRATEGIC WARNING REFLECTED SAME PREOCCUPATIONS AS THOSE OF FRG8230 REFTEL AND HE WAS GREATLY INTERESTED BY HOFMANN'S REMARKS. LUND SAID THAT SOMETHING WAS CLEARLY AMISS WITH NATO CONCEPTS OF MILITARY AND POLITICAL WARNING TIMES. HE SAID THAT DURING TRIP TO GERMANY SUMMER 1967 HE HAD BEEN IMPRESSED BY INTELLIGENCE SERVICES AVAILABLE TO ALLIANCE BUT THAT HIS CONFIDENCE WAS SHAKEN BY RECENT EVENTS. LUND

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SAID HE THOUGHT NORWEGIAN DEFENSE ESTABLISHMENT HAD ACCEPTED NATO WARNING CONCEPTS WITH FAR TOO GREAT COMPLACENCY AND THAT IT SEEMED OBVIOUS THAT TIME SPANS WE HAD BEEN COUNTING ON FOR ALERT WERE OF DOUBTFUL VALIDITY. 25X1A6a

3. DEFENSE MINISTRY EVIDENTLY GOING THROUGH AGONIZING REAPPRAISAL OF WARNING CONCEPTS AND WHILE NORWEGIANS DO NOT YET APPEAR TO HAVE COME UP WITH ANY NEW IDEAS, THEIR SKEPTICISM WILL DOUBTLESS BE REFLECTED IN BRUSSELS AS WELL AS OSLO.

4. DEFMIN IN STRONG PRO-NATO SPEECH AUG 25 ALSO MENTIONS PROBLEM OF STRENGTHENING NORWEGIAN DEFENSES AND ALERT MECHANISM. GP-3. TIBBETTS

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